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REPUBLICANS AND THE TARIFF.

Congressman Warner of Illinois intimated in a recent conversation in Washington that there would be some important tariff legislation during the next session of congress. He is reported as saying "if the tariff needs revision for the purpose of better controlling the trusts you may depend on it the republicans will act accordingly. The tariff is not sacred. When it is made evident that the protection afforded by the tariff has served its purpose, then this protection will be removed. It would not surprise me in the least if the president should make such a recommendation to congress." Mr. Warner belongs to a class of republicans who realize the necessity of striking at the trust evil. They have been protectionists simply to give the infant industries as they claimed the chance to get a start so as to be able to meet foreign competition and we are ready to concede that they may be sincere in their desire for a revision of the tariff. It is an unfortunate thing for the country however that there are so few of Mr. Warner's class in the G. O. P. They constitute so small a minority that in the national councils of the party they will have no voice. They will be made to stand aside by the powerful allies of the trusts. Mark Hanna and his lieutenants will "sit down on them" in the national councils of the party and the probability of McKinley recommending tariff revision is rather a remote probability.

Hanna the republican boss gave the Ohio republicans in the late state convention a taste of how he would run things in the national convention. The trusts and the leaders of the republican party are working hand in hand for the interests of the trusts and the conservative minority of the republican party must stand aside. The tariff revision that will be made must be the work of the democratic party and the only prospect of controlling the trusts is through the democratic party. The trusts have the republican party and the people by the throat and none but a democratic Moses can free them from the hateful bondage.

Felix, of Paris, the world's greatest dressmaker, has failed. He reports that \$3,000 was about the average price charged by him for a ladies dress. The cause of his failure is said to be the investment he made in the Palais de Costumes at the Paris exposition. Queens and the higher ranks of royalty were his patrons. As Worth, Doucet, Paquier and Redfern still continue in business the ladies can get plenty of stylish gowns made.

At the close of the calendar year a statement of our trade with foreign countries shows a balance in our favor of very near \$700,000,000. With this large sum coming to us from other countries and 700,000,000 bushels of wheat to furnish bread for the world the prospect is good for a fair amount of pin money in this country for the coming year.

The Rev. John P. Bushingham and the Rev. E. L. Meserby of Chicago are going to cross the Atlantic ocean this summer in the hold of a cattle ship as keepers of Texas longhorns. By the time they get half way across with those longhorns they will probably be thinking things that they would not want revealed by an X rays thought machine.

A party of American millionaires left London for home last Friday. They all deny that they are concocting and deals or buying any ship lines but we may hear more about those matters later. Unless J. P. Morgan has changed his plans he probably has the most of the Panama Canal company stock in his grip.

The "Neversweats" are having a hard time this weather to maintain the sets of their order.

If Secretary Gage would pay closer attention to facts and show a little less zeal in behalf of the interests of the trusts, it would be better for the commercial interests of the country. There is every indication that Russia is sincere in her denial of Gage's reasons for that countervailing duty and this country should at once repudiate Gage and his sugar trust policy by putting in his place a man who will inform himself before antagonizing the best commercial friend of this country.

An oil cloth combination which will include seven out of ten establishments in the United States which manufacture oil cloth is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capitalization of \$10,000,000. Thus the trust business goes merrily on and by the time McKinley's term is out the entire list of commodities used in the home will be covered by trusts.

Lee Meriwether has withdrawn his contest against Mayor Wells, of St. Louis, the withdrawal papers having been filed this week. Thus ends the "stop thief" cry of Meriwether and his crowd of bolters. It was only a republican inspired bluff in the first place and Meriwether has been looking for some time for a small hole to crawl out of.

You can not keep a good state down and the recent investments of the big lead and zinc companies in Missouri mines is bound to bring Missouri to the front more prominently than ever before. The investment of \$20,000,000 in land and refineries and smelters will give employment to thousands of skilled and unskilled workmen.

An effort is being made by the British Admiralty to supply the English navy with home grown beef. They have probably gotten a taste of some of that embalmed beef which enterprising administration contractors furnished the American army in the Spanish war.

St. Louis is planning an immense pyramid 500 feet square at the base and 500 feet high which will make the Egyptian pyramid of Cheops, the first wonder of the world, look like thirty cents. Depend upon St. Louis to beat all previous exposition records.

The excessively hot weather caused both cotton and corn to take a jump upward in price. With cotton the king of the south and corn the western king both bringing good prices that balance of trade in our favor will be bigger than it is this year.

Everybody connected with the Louisiana Purchase exposition seems pleased with the start made in the selection of Forest Park as the site. Now let Missouri get down to business and get up a state exhibit that will open the eyes of the world.

The Charleston Enterprise comes to our desk this week in magazine form, 16 four column pages and a handsome back. It is called a "Mid-summer" edition and is an up-to-date bit of newspaper enterprise.

That 700,000,000 bushels of wheat that is now being harvested by our farmers will give us plenty of bread to eat and still enable us to sell a few million bushels to England, France, Germany and Russia.

Charles T. Yerks the American street railway magnate has scored another triumph for American enterprise and pluck; having recently secured the contract to put in an electric railway system in London.

The forty thousand men thrown out of employment by the recent closing of all the flint glass mills of the country for the summer would be hard to convince that McKinley politics bring prosperity.

The Slater "Bee" has ceased to buzz and will no longer be the "Bee," the publishers having announced their intention of quitting the business to give their attention to other matters.

General Miles recommends the withdrawal of American troops from Cuba and the American people are of the opinion that General Miles is recommending about the right thing.

At last we are free from a portion of the burden of taxation caused by the Spanish war, and in the future will have to do less stamp licking for the licking we gave Spain.

Almost Home.

Confined by four walls of my prison. Shut away from God's beautiful world. Not allowed to walk about as others do and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. Compelled always to lie upon a bed of pain without being able to change my position, or raise my weary head and back off the bed during the burning heat of the summer. My hands and feet drawn out of shape. My joints ossified and completely set. My jaws locked and unable to eat any solid food. Unable to sleep only in troubled dreams and nightmares. A constant longing for the joys of life. A natural dread of the dark grave and horrible earth worms. A realizing sense that there is no hope for me as far as this life is concerned. That never again will I walk or sit up in this world, and must continue to suffer 'til death unlocks my prison doors. This is my true condition today, my friend, and when you add the fact that it has been like this for fourteen years possibly you may realize something of what I suffered.

Through it all my mind dwells longingly on "That Sunbright Clime" where flowers are ever blooming and the weary is at rest.

I am glad to know that I am almost home. I try to be patient for Jesus has said "My grace is sufficient for thee." And I know that "He doeth all things well." My Christian friend—Send me 15c today and order my little book that tells the sad story of my long years of suffering. My life has been darkened, and made almost unbearable by just one act of youthful folly. The pamphlet—"Through the fire of affliction, or fourteen years in one position," tells all about it, and shows a picture of me in my mattress grave. It also contains a sworn statement by some of the business men of Wellington that I have written nothing but facts. God never forgets a kindness shown to his unfortunate children.

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The Sultan a Monster.

All is mystery that concerns the grim recluse of the Yildiz, says Eugene P. Lyle in Everybody's Magazine. The tense popular curiosity must value very high, then, any new light cast on the sinister despot in his fortress-palace. Into Europe there have come recently certain Ottoman subjects, and these subjects have been inspired by the fresher, freer air about them to tell what they know; and so the world learns with a start that there exists at this moment, out of jail, a man whose like the classics and history together can scarcely reproduce even should they submit a psychological composite of their very choicest specimens. Such a composite would require the cold, pitiless ambition of Richard III., the consummate craft of Richelieu with the Italian finesse and falsity of Machiavelli, the blood-thirstiness of a mad Caligula, the ruthlessness of Genghis Khan, the refinement in torturing of Torquemada, the craven superstition of Macbeth, the parsimony of Mazarin, the awful fear of the hereafter of Louis XI., and, more striking than any of these, a cowardice without parallel in human records. And even then we would have only the merest outline of the Sultan of Turkey, as revealed to us in the new portrait from these Ottoman subjects who tell what they know.

"C'est un monstre," said one of them, almost with a shudder, with a hiss certainly. And there, in a word, you have this pen picture of Abdul Hamid.

The Bates County Democrat is full of oil talk and is urging the organization of a company there to bore for oil. Companies are being formed at several points in the county and active preparations are being made to push prospecting.

The annual summer meeting of the Missouri Press association will be held in the Laclede hotel, in St. Louis, July 12 and 13. At the conclusion of business an excursion trip will be made to the Pan-American exposition.

Charleston boys have been playing the old trick of tripping people with a wire stretched across the sidewalk. A spanking machine would be a good thing for that town.

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

Getting a pair of new shoes is a cause of worry to most people, and the following difficult questions naturally arise:

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? Where can I find the best quality in a shoe?
? Where can I find the best Shoe for the money?

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